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SUBJ: IRAQ TENDER FOR SIX OIL EXPLORATION BLOCKS

SUMMARY: INOCNGAS INVITED OIL EXPLORATION/DEVELOPMENT
BIDS ON SIX LARGE BLOCKS, FIVE IN SOUTH CENTRAL AREA,
ONE WEST OF KIRKUK. BIDS TO BE BASED ON SERVICE CON-
TRACTS. LETTERS OF INTENT PARTICIPATE DUE DECEMBER 31;
FINAL BIDS DUE MARCH 31, 1974. END SUMMARY

1. IRAQ FETIONAL OIL COMPANY (INOC) HAS ISSUED AN
INVITATION FOR SERVICE CONTRACT BIDS FOR EXPLORATION
FOR OIL AND DEVELOPMENT OF SIX BLOCKS TOTALLING 46,860
SQUARE KILOMETERS IN SOUTH CENTRAL AND NORTHERN PORTIONS
OF COUNTRY. BLOCKS RANGE FROM 5,955 TO 9,750 SQUARE KIL-
OMETERS IN SIZE. FIVE CONTIGUOUS BLOCKS RUN FROM SOUTHERN
BORDER WITH OLD NEUTRAL ZONE NORTH TO AND ACROSS
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EUPHRATES, THEN NORTHWEST, WHILE SIXTH BLOCK IS DUE WEST

OF KIRKUK. FIRST FIVE BLOCKS IN FORMER BASRAH PETROLEUM
COMPANY AREA, LAST IN FORMER IPC AREA.

2. INVITATION SPECIFIES FOLLOWING:

A. "BIDS SHOULD BE ON THE BASIS OF SERVICE CONTRACTS."

B. BIDS SHOULD BE AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE REGARDING
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, RELINQUISHMENT CONDITIONS, ETC.

C. BIDDERS MAY BID FOR MORE THAN ONE AREA BUT MUST
SPECIFY PRIORITIES.

D. FIRM LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH CHOICE OF
AREAS DUE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31. PARTICIPANTS ENTITLED
PURCHASE FOR 500 DINARS EACH DATA BOOKLETS ON EACH AREA.
FINAL BIDS DUE IN INOC NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 1974. BEST
BIDDERS WILL BE ASKED SEND NEGOTIATORS TO BAGHDAD.

E. BIDDERS TO SEND OFFERS TO THE PRESIDENT, IRAQ NATIONAL
OIL COMPANY, P.O. BOX 476, BAGHDAD, IRAQ.

COMMENT: INVITATION PUBLISHED IN TRADE PRESS AND
PROBABLY WELL KNOWN IN INDUSTRY BY NOW BUT WILL SEND
AIRGRAM WITH ROUGH MAP.
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